

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

September 3, 2020

Remote Access Meeting – via Zoom

Revised Sept. 5

Call to Order - 7:31 PM

Attendance: Jim Salvie, Dave Arsenault, Pete McManus, Steve Jelinek, Ed DeLuca, Kathy Sferra

Minutes of Previous Meetings

No changes were suggested. Salvie moved to accept the minutes as submitted; McManus seconded the motion. Passed unanimous.

Appointment of Representative to Library Building Committee

Jelinek nominated McManus to be the Capital Planning Committee representative to the Randall Library building committee. McManus agreed to serve and is looking forward to working with the new committee.

Several committee members expressed hope that the Friends of Randall Library would engage in fund raising for the project.

Jelinek moved the motion to appoint; DeLuca seconded the motion. Passed unanimous.

Special Town Meeting Discussion

Salvie brought the committee up to date on the issues surrounding a possible special Town Meeting (TM). No date has yet been set. The primary reason for having a special TM would be to address budget issues arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. The town is waiting for information from the Nashoba Regional School District (NRSD) about possible budget shortfalls.

The other item on a special TM warrant would be related to the Hallock's point property at Boon Lake. The property is coming out of Chapter 61 which gives the town options for purchase and forms the basis for discussions with developers of the property. Sferra summarized the current state of discussions for the Committee. The Hallock's point working group is meeting with the select board on Tuesday Sept 8 2020 to discuss a town option that would include two buildable lots (the property can support 14), conservation land and possible funding sources.

There was discussion as to whether this issue alone is sufficient to hold a special TM during the pandemic. The timing for invoking Chapter 61 is 210days following the end of the official state of emergency. It is likely that a spring TM will fit that timing, given the current infection rates within the state and the US as a whole.

The committee asked Sferra about the state of the Stow Acres Chapter 61 development. Sferra had no new information. There is a study going on, the town is working with a possible developer on the scope of the project. This project will not come up at a special TM, if one is held.

Other Business

None

8:05pm

Motion to adjourn by Salvie, seconded by Arsenault. Passed
unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed DeLuca, Clerk 